

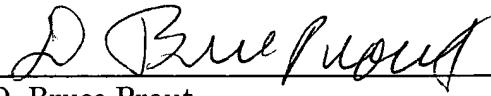
REMARKS

Claims 1-44 remain in the application. Claim 44 has been amended. It is respectfully requested that the foregoing preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

44. (Amended) The optical waveguide modulator equipped with an output light monitor as claimed in [~~any one of claims 1 to 43~~] claim 1, wherein the optical waveguide element has a SiO₂ layer formed on a portion of the optical waveguide other than an input end portion of the surface optical waveguide portion and the output end portions of the output light-outputting optical waveguide portion and the monitoring light-outputting optical waveguide portion.

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